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Degrees

PhD, Classics (completed June 2016; thesis accepted with no corrections)

University of Toronto; Collaborative Program in Ancient Greek and Roman History

Dissertation: 'Roman Ludi Saeculares from the Republic to Empire'

Supervisor: Andreas Bendlin 2010–16

MA, Classics

University of Toronto 2008–10

BA, Classics (Major) and Linguistics (Major)

Seattle Pacific University 2004–8

Academic Appointments

Instructor

University of Toronto, Department of Classics 2018

Visiting Fellow

Institute of Classical Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London 2017

Visiting Assistant Professor

University of Toronto, Department of Classics 2016–17

Research Areas

- Roman religion and history, esp. the development of the Ludi Saeculares and the Roman concept of the *saeculum*.
- Human (esp. non-elite) associations with divinity in Plautus, Pompeiian graffiti, and funerary monuments
- Latin epigraphy and its use in undergraduate teaching

Publications

Entries for the Oxford Classical Dictionary

'Secular Games.' In *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, digital edn. Oxford University Press. Article published October 2017. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199381135.013.5781.

'Saeculum.' In *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, digital edn. Oxford University Press. Article published November 2017. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199381135.013.8233.

Reviews

Latham, J.A. (2016) *Performance, Memory, and Processions in Ancient Rome: The Pompa Circensis from the Late Republic to Late Antiquity*. New York: CUP. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, Dec. 23, 2017. URI: <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2017/2017-12-23.html>.

Works in Progress

Monograph

The Ludi Saeculares and the *Saeculum* (under review with OUP)

Articles

'The Republican Ludi Saeculares as a Cult of the Valerian Clan' (under review with *Historia*)

'Human Association with Divinity in Plautus and in Funerary Monuments of the Imperial Period'

'Horace's Rejection of the *Carmen Saeculare* in C. 4.7'

'Acts of Thanksgiving in the Comedies of Plautus'

International Conferences and Papers

Statius's *Silu.* 5.1 and Private Deification in the Imperial Period

Classical Association of Canada Annual Conference, St John's, Newfoundland 2017

Flavian Restoration and Innovation in Domitian's Ludi Saeculares

Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario 2017

Horace C. 4.7 As a Rebuttal of the *Carmen Saeculare*

Classical Association of Canada Annual Conference, Quebec City, Quebec 2016

Imperial Authority and *Saeculum* Rhetoric from Augustus to Constantine

Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California 2016

The Tarentum in the Campus Martius as a Commemorative Space for the Ludi Saeculares

Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana 2015

The Ludi Saeculares and <i>Saeculum</i>-Rhetoric in the Roman Empire		
Kommission für Alte Geschichte und Epigraphik des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts, Munich, Germany		2014
Establishing Dynasty: Officiating the Ludi Saeculares of Augustus and Severus		
Classical Association of Canada Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec		2014
The Invention of the Ludi Saeculares of Emperor Honorius		
Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Meeting, Waco, Texas		2014
Valerian Tradition and the Ludi Saeculares of 17 BCE		
American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois		2014
Numismatic Evidence for Imperial Performances of the Ludi Saeculares		
Oxford Roman Discussion Forum, University of Oxford		2013
<i>Ego tibi salus sum</i>: Human Identification with Gods in Plautus		
Classical Association of Canada Annual Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba		2013
(Re)constructing the Republican Ludi Saeculares in Augustan Rome		
Classical Association of Canada Annual Conference, London, Ontario		2012
Fabricating Ritual Tradition: The Relationship of the Republican and Augustan Ludi Saeculares		
13th International Spring School on Ancient Religions, University of Erfurt, Germany		2012
Communicating with Divine Others in Horace's <i>Carmen Saeculare</i>		
11th International Spring School on Ancient Religions, University of Erfurt, Germany		2010
 Other Presentations		
Epigraphic and Numismatic Evidence for the <i>Saeculum</i> and the Creation of Roman Imperial Identity		
Ancient History Proseminar, Department of Classics, University of Toronto		2015
Women as Goddesses in Plautus's Comedies and Funerary Monuments of the Roman Empire		
Department of Historical Studies Prandium Series, University of Toronto Mississauga		2015
Augustus, the Valerii, and the Ludi Saeculares: The Transformation of a Gentilician Cult		
ColPAH Work in Progress Seminar, York University, Toronto, Ontario		2013
Gentilician Cults in Republican and Augustan Rome		
17th New Frontiers in Graduate History Conference, York University, Toronto, Ontario		2013
Song and Sacrifice in Ancient Greece and Rome		
WIDEN Lecture Series, Massey College, Toronto, Ontario		2011

Teaching

Primary instructor, University of Toronto

Classical Spaces, Sites, and Monuments (CLA389)	2018
Topics in the Study of Roman History: Time, Festival, and Memory (CLA371)	2017
Intermediate Latin II (LAT202)	2017
Augustus and the Julio-Claudians (CLA368)	2017
Introduction to Roman Society and Culture (CLA233)	2016, 2018
Topics in Classics: Greek and Roman Drama and Theatre (CLA395)	2016
Religion in the Greek World (CLA308)	2016, 2018
Introduction to Classical Studies (CLA160)	2015
Introductory Latin II (LAT102)	2015
Introduction to Classical Mythology (CLA204)	2014
Introductory Ancient Greek II (GRK102)	2014
Religion in the Roman World (CLA310)	2012
Introduction to Roman History (CLA231)	2012, 2016
Introductory Latin I (LAT101)	2011, 2016

Tutorial leader, University of Toronto

Introduction to Roman Society and Culture (CLA233)	2010, 2015
Introduction to Classical Studies (CLA160)	2010

Teaching assistant, University of Toronto

Introduction to Roman History (CLA231)	2015
Ancient Mythology II: Greece and Rome (CLAA06)	2011
Introduction to Classical Mythology (CLA204)	2011
History and Culture of the Greek World (CLAB05)	2009
Introduction to Classical Studies (CLA161)	2009

Recognitions

Doctoral Completion Grant

University of Toronto, Department of Classics 2015–16

Jacobi Scholarship

Kommission für Alte Geschichte und Epigraphik at the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Munich, Germany 2014

School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant

University of Toronto 2013, 2016

Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Classical Studies		
Classical Association of the Middle West and South		2013
M.B. Wallace Memorial Graduate Award in Classics		
University of Toronto, Department of Classics		2011, 2013
School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant		
University of Toronto		2012
Rene Efrain Memorial/Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Classics		
University of Toronto	2011–12, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16	<i>(declined)</i>
Jackman Junior Fellowship in the Humanities		
University of Toronto		2010–13
Leonard Woodbury Fellowship		
University of Toronto, Department of Classics		2010
Lilly Graduate Fellowship		
Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts		2008–11

Professional Development

Advanced University Teaching Preparation		
Teaching Assistants' Training Program, University of Toronto		2010–14
Postgraduate Summer Course in Epigraphy		
British School at Rome		2014

Research Assistantships

Editing appendix for monograph		
Department of Classics, University of Toronto (Seth Bernard)		2016
Editing index for monograph		
Department of Classics, University of Toronto (Victoria Wohl)		2014
Editing indices for monograph		
Department of Humanities, York University (Philip Harland)		2014
Assistance with SSRHC application		
Department of Classics, University of Toronto (Andreas Bendlin)		2012–13
General editing, creation of indices for several books, research on slave names in inscriptions		
Department of Classics, University of Toronto (Alison Keith)		2008–13

Affiliations, Activities, Service

Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford

Visiting Associate 2013

Department of Classics, University of Toronto

Library and Resources Committee 2016–17

Voting Representative for Undergraduate Business 2012–13

New Student Orientation Coordinator 2012

Massey College, University of Toronto

Resident Junior Fellow 2009–12

Junior Fellow Lecture Series Committee member 2009–10

Professional Memberships

British School at Rome 2014–present

Society for Classical Studies 2012–present

Classical Association of Canada 2012–present

Languages

English (native), Latin (advanced reading), Ancient Greek (advanced reading), French (reading, basic speaking and writing), German (reading), Italian (reading)